

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested for claims 28-36 in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Responsive to the rejection under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, by way of the foregoing amendment, the rejection is obviated. The limitation "fitting" has been amended to "pushing". Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 36 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '747 in view of Kato. Claims 28-32 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '747 in view of Kato. Claims 33 and 34 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '747 in view of Kato and further in view of Connor. Claim 35 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '747 in view of Kato and further in view of Stickling. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Neither JP '747 nor Kato et al. discloses or suggests, among other features, the closing of the mold comprising simultaneously cutting and pushing the decorative part in front of the cutting edge to an interior bottom surface of the second part of the mold. Regarding JP '747, the reasons given for JP '747 not showing such a feature can be found in the previous Amendment of February 14, 2003, and the Amendment submitted January 14, 2003. JP '747 shows a simple interlocking of the cavity in the core takes place. Kato does not rectify the deficiencies of JP '747. Kato et al simply shows a composite molded article which is molded into a form as in Figure 4. Neither reference shows closing of the mold comprises simultaneously cutting and pushing the decorative part in front of the cutting edge to an interior bottom surface of the second part of the mold. Thus, it

is respectfully submitted that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over the cited art, as noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Since claims 28-35 depend from claim 36, claims 28-35 are also patentably distinguishable over the cited references. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/47721).

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